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Dear Commissioners;

I am writing today to urge that you help to bring to reality the proposed Bitterroot Resort south of Lolo, Montana. This resort would be such a boon to all people of western Montana, not just special interest groups.

I had the great fortune to live and work in surgery in the Vail Valley Resort at Vail, Colorado. Even though I am neither a skier nor snowboarder, I could not help but be impressed by the great stewardship to the land exhibited by the resort. This same care is just not possible by the under funded, under staffed U.S. Forest Service. Great leadership often requires that delegation of responsibilities be done for the better good.

My most compelling reason to support this project is the availability to Montanans of good paying, healthy jobs. I hear all the time that there are just no good jobs in Montana. I see so many University of Montana graduates languishing at bar jobs because they do not want to leave Montana.

I was at one time a member of the Sierra Club. Over time I came to realize that they, like many very special interest groups, slanted their facts to achieve their goals. I know from past experience that they are able to mobilize many people, especially students, who are not time deprived by things like full-time employment and families. I am no longer a member of the Sierra Club as I don't feel that they fairly represent a large majority of people.

I have listened carefully to the plans presented by the Bitterroot Resort. I have questioned and received answers to all my questions concerning the resort. I have read and re read the pros and cons published in the newspapers and the Sierra Club literature. Frankly, I feel that the Bitterroot Resort would actually improve the land they request to use.

Sincerely,

